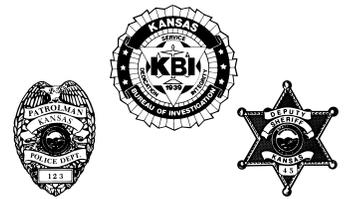


CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS



Teach Your Children:

1. Their full names, addresses and phone numbers.
2. How to make a long distance call (both directly to you using the area code and by dialing "0" for the operator or dialing 911).
3. Never go into anyone's home without your permission. Establish a Safe Home Program in your neighborhood. Children should know what homes they are allowed to enter.
4. If they become separated from you while shopping not to look for you, but to go to the nearest checkout counter and ask the clerk, (1) if he or she works there, and (2) for assistance. Never go to the parking lot!
5. To walk with and play with others. The child is most vulnerable when alone. If your child walks to school, have him/her walk with other children.
6. That adults do not usually ask children for directions. If someone should stop in a car asking for directions, the child should not go near the car.
7. If someone is following them, they should go to a place where there are other people, to a neighbor's home or into a store. They should ask for help. They should not try to hide behind bushes.
8. Never to go near a car with someone in it; never to get into car without your permission. They should know in whose car they are allowed to ride. Warn your children that someone might try to lure them into a car by saying you said to pick them up. Tell them never to obey such instructions.
9. That a stranger is someone they and you don't know very well.
10. Never to tell anyone over the phone that they are home alone.
11. Never to answer the door when home alone. Teach your children how to call your community's emergency assistance number (911 or your local police or sheriff's number). Make sure that they know a neighbor they can call if someone tries to get into the house or if there is an emergency.
12. To tell you if an adult asks them to keep a "secret".

13. That no one has the right to touch them or make them feel uncomfortable. They have the right to say "no".
14. To tell you if someone offers them gifts or money or wants to take their picture.
15. To yell HELP, not just scream.

As Parents You Should:

1. Know your children's friends.
2. Never leave children unattended; never leave children in a car.
3. Be involved in your children's activities.
4. Listen when your child tells you they do not want to be with someone; there may be a reason you should know about.
5. Notice when someone shows your child a great deal of attention and find out why.
6. Enroll in the IDENT-A-Kid Program and know where to locate dental records.
7. Be sensitive to changes in your children's behavior or attitudes. Encourage open communications. Never belittle any fear or concern your child may express to you.
8. Take a photograph of your child each year (four times a year for children under age 2).
9. Have a set plan with your child outlining what he/she should do if you become separated away from home.
10. Do not buy items that have your child's name on them such as hats, jackets, and t-shirts. An abductor could start up a friendly conversation with your child after reading the child's name.
11. Make a game of reading license plate numbers and remembering their colors. This will help children recognize the numbers and letters on license plates and their states of origin.
12. Be sure the children's daycare center or school will not release children to anyone but the children's parents or persons they designate. Instruct the school to call you if your child is absent.